

NOV 20 2003

RCE/1631  
11

**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

**MAIL STOP RCE**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or  
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	09/917,897
Confirmation Number	2025
Filing Date	July 31, 2001
First Named Inventor	OGAWA, Masashi
Group Art Unit	1631
Examiner Name	Marjorie A. MORAN
Matter Number	Q65704
Title	METHOD OF MEASUREMENT OF PROTEASE AND THIN MEMBRANES USED FOR SAID METHOD

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Please enter and consider the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on October 30, 2003
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii.  Other Statement of Substance of Interview previously filed on October 30, 2003
  
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
  - iv.  Petition for Extension of Time
  - v.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

11/21/2003 MGEBREM1 00000027 09917897

01 FC:1801

770.00 OP

**2. MISCELLANEOUS**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. FEES**

A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

**CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS**

*Direct all correspondence to the address for SUGHRUE MION, PLLC filed under the Customer Number listed below:*

WASHINGTON OFFICE

23373

CUSTOMER NUMBER

**SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY**

Name Mark L. Hayman Registration No. 51,793

Signature Mark L. Hayman Date November 20, 2003